

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION
Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, May 28, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Russ Amo.

II. Roll Call

Present: Russ Amo, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Commissioner David Aungst, Julie Hackett, Cathy Burr, Jeff Dicenzo, Rob Trevino, Julie Wetherby, Carol Zawacki, Alan Dickerson, Chris Peoples

Also Present: County Administrator Kim Murphy, Director Cari Rebottaro, Grants & Finance Director Rebecca Borton, Account Clerk III Erica Lamley.

Abesnt: Gloria Bortnichak, Burt Fenby, Karol Bolton

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: April 23, 2026

Ralph Tillotson made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as written. Dave Aungst offered support. Jeff Dicenzo made a motion for a friendly amendment adjusting the attendance list to reflect Dillon Donaghy as Deputy Director. Alan Dickerson offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

IV. Presentation

A. Department Finances: Billing & Statements

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro started with the budget highlight sheet. She noted that there are not many changes to highlight but did note that monthly revenues are down as we have not received the millage funding yet. Expenses are on par with where they should be this time of year.

Director Rebottaro took a moment to highlight the budget process and explain how the department is taking a hard look at the programs they offer as well as the grants that support them.

Director Rebottaro announced that starting in May, the department will be paying \$5,000 a month towards utilities for the new central kitchen. It is an amount that was budgeted for, but it can change as things are evaluated going forward.

All the senior centers offer exercise classes and other creative ways to get older adults moving. Director Rebottaro highlighted the "Cake Walk" held by the Morenci senior centers.

April was volunteer appreciation month and centers have or are submitting their reimbursement requests based on a predetermined amount agreed upon with the department.

The Foster Grandparent Program is gearing up for summer programming where they will be placed at various programs for young people around Lenawee in the summer months.

Director Reboattaro highlighted some of the suggestions to come out of the May 20th Focus Group meeting.

Director Rebottaro shared some highlights from the May 7th Administration for Community Living visit to our area. The LDA and Well Wise were one of three sites chosen for a site visit across the country. Julie Wetherby noted that this visit has been highlighted at national meetings.

Director Rebottaro offered appreciation and congratulations to Maureen O'Neil who joined us in May as an intern with the Nutrition Program.

Director Rebottaro shared that the annual all-staff meeting will take place on August 20, 2026.

VI. Existing Business

There was no existing business.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Board Member Comment

Commissioner Aungst offered appreciation for Erica Lamely and Rebecca Borton for their presentation and all the work they do. He also extended appreciation to Director Rebottaro for her leadership.

X. Adjournment

Ralph Tillotson made a motion to adjourn. Dave Aungst offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:36PM.

